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Pol/Econ chief delivered reftel demarche February 28 on the U.S. views on debt relief for poor countries to MFA Director for Bilateral Affairs Dhafer Al Umrani. A development economist himself, Al Umrani responded that the most critical element, whether the U.S. or UK plan is adopted, is that the G-8 countries and/or World Bank provide targeted technical assistance to the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries to improve economic performance and promote reform. Post also provided a copy of the demarche to Ministry of Finance Director of Economic Planning Yusuf Humood.

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